

Chinatown as a hub for learning

By Samuel Tsoi

On June 11, The Chinatown Coalition (TCC) held their monthly meeting of community stakeholders to explore how organizations and agencies can take advantage of the human and intellectual capital college students bring to the neighborhood. A presentation was also given about the Chinatown Storefront Library Project, which models a possibility for a long-awaited permanent public space for learning and information in Chinatown.

Nestled between the financial and theater districts, Chinatown is surrounded by and includes a number of colleges. Physically, the expansion of these institutions tightens Chinatown's boundaries and limits potential residential space. However, the influx of students could also be a source of volunteers and experiential learning, which could foster mutually beneficial relationships between colleges and community organizations – bridging the gap between the Ivory Tower of academic theory and grassroots service and action.

Representing various service-learning and student development departments, staff from Emerson College, Tufts University, Harvard University's Philip Brooks House Association, and Suffolk University discussed how to guide college students toward connecting academic pursuits, student life, and meaningful community involvement.

Several Chinatown agencies providing human services, adult education, and elderly care were also present to provide feedback on TCC's Chinatown Intercollegiate Partnerships. Some of the concerns that were voiced were the challenge of recruiting stu-



Marrikka Trotter, a lead coordinator for the project, presented the design by fellow students and architects from Harvard's Graduate School of Design. Photo by Anna Tse/ 華埠圖書館計劃設計負責人Marrikka Trotter 介紹流動圖書館設計和構思。(謝婉君攝)

dents that do not treat community groups as a mere experiment or step toward fulfilling requirements, scheduling difficulties, language and cultural barriers, and the lack of long-term commitment.

Shirley Mark, from the Tisch College of Citizenship & Public Service at Tufts University, pointed out the importance of experiential learning in fostering a lifestyle of service, and highlighted the Active Citizenship Summer Fellows in Chinatown, where committed students are placed in organizations such as the Asian American Civic Association, the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, and the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling.

Susan Hinton of Emerson College shared how the college's

strength in communication and media students have brought students to apply their knowledge by making films documenting and presenting various issues and developments in Chinatown.

Suffolk University's Director of Service Learning Carolina Garcia emphasized the university's goal in establishing long-term partnerships which draws the assets of both the local and University communities.

Micky Lee, professor of media studies and journalism, also showcased student contributions to the design of public relations materials and articles for several community groups. Suffolk recently started its first Asian American studies program, which aims to continue building the school's relationship with Chinatown.

Besides partnerships and internships, students have also

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華埠流動圖書館計劃及各大學鼓勵學生參與服務社區活動

【本報謝婉君波士頓報導】華埠社區聯盟(TCC)例會在六月十一日在波士頓華埠社區中心(BCNC)舉行,由聯盟(TCC)的華埠大學計劃(Chinatown Intercollegiate Partnership)主持。多個大學團體如愛默森學院(Emerson College)、塔芙茨大學(Tufts University)的提許學院(Tisch College)、哈佛大學的「布魯克協會」(Phillips Brooks House)、中華耆英會(Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center)、華美福利會(AACA)、華埠社區中心(BCNC)、亞裔反家庭暴力行動組織(ATASK)等代表社區組織聚首一堂,探討如何鼓勵大學生積極參與社區服務;各大學服務中心如何增強聯繫,使服務更多元化一藉此提昇波士頓各區大學生增添投身及參與公共社區服務的興趣。會議另一主題是有關華埠流動圖書館計劃及設計最新進展,計劃第一期估計最快或可在九月落實。

數間大學的社區機構介紹它們一些暑期社區活動。隸屬塔芙茨大學(Tufts University)的提許學院(Tisch College)的「華埠活躍公民暑期研究員計劃」(Active Citizenship Summer Fellows in Chinatown)。該服務計劃公民的負責人麥小燕(Shirley Mark)表示,此計劃開放給現時美茨大學的學士及碩士生申請。計劃聯同區內五間機構如華美福利會(AACA)、亞裔反家庭暴力行動組織(ATASK)、華埠社區中心(BCNC)、麻州賭博問題諮詢會及波士頓法律服務處等組織,共同推動學生服務社區發展。透過不同服務,培養領袖人才,增強公民對服務社區及建立對社區及社會關注的意識。此計劃有津貼補貼,學生透過以全職服務社區,吸取工作經驗;在書本以外,增加對區社及社會的了解。有關申請手續,請聯絡 Shirley.mark@tufts.edu。

蘇珊·辛坦(Suzanne Hinton)為愛默森學院(Emerson College)社區學習活動負責人,介紹該校的多項服務學習活動及課程,例如校內紀錄片的課程,讓學生透過接觸社區,學習影片製作過程的同時,也為社區提供服務,切身處地的互動學習。

「布魯克協會」(Phillips Brooks House) (PBHA)

為紀念波士頓的三一教堂(Trinity Church)牧師 Phillips Brooks,最初在1904由六個機構組織起來。經多年演變,1950年後,漸發展現時為人熟識,享譽盛名哈佛大學的學生組織。「布魯克協會」為非牟利機構,服務區社有多年歷史。計畫主任麥高文(Kerry McGowan)表示「布魯克協會」有70多個不同公益計畫及活動。有超過1600名義工及中學生參與,大部分計畫由學生領導,年度預算約為150萬美元。目前一些華埠的活動包括:課後輔導計畫、大哥哥大姐姐計畫、青少年計畫、成人英語計畫、入籍班計畫及探險夏令營等項目。請瀏覽 <http://pbha.org> 有關更多活動資料。

各大學服務組織代表均表示團體應加強溝通,協辦多元化活動。簡化活動資料及把信息更清楚全遞,讓學生知道在校內及區內有很多服務社區活動的機會。更重要使他們認識參與社區服務對他們的益處。麥小燕(Shirley Mark)表示無論學生將來是醫生,行政人員及在社會上選擇不同類型的職業。參與社區服務,拓展大學之外學習領域,為社區及參與者帶來很多正面的影響。豐富學生不但在書本上,工作經驗,與人相處,建立人際關係,自我及加強對社會更深的認識等。透過社區活動,讓學生吸取書本以外的知識,增加對社會多層面的接觸及加強公民意識。

討論已久,但只聞樓梯響的華埠圖書館計劃目前有新進展。會議上,華埠圖書館計劃設計負責人 Marrikka Trotter 表示基於華埠附近有不少空置商舖,正與一些商舖東主商量,希望他們騰出空置舖位一段時間,讓圖書館使用。華埠流動圖書館的概念將會是一個流動性質的圖書館。流動性質的意思是圖書館的地點或會轉變,圖書館內的設計將會配合圖書館這個容易搬遷特點。

一些就讀在Harvard University Graduate School of Design (GSD) 和一些已畢業的學生,將擔任書館的設計。GSD畢業生 Marrikka Trotter 表示他們使用簡單,實用,嶄新的意念及去設計和構思流動圖書館,配合華埠的需要。一但與華埠東主達成協議,計劃最快可在九月開始。希望華埠東主及區內人士多支持及推廣此計劃。

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Aaron Michlewitz wins Third Suffolk seat

麥家威贏得第三選區麻州眾議員補選



Aaron Michlewitz, a one-time Sal DiMasi staff member from the former speaker's North End neighborhood, won a landslide victory over independent candidate John Keith and Republican candidate David Trumbull in June 16's Third Suffolk state representative special election.

According to unofficial results from the Boston Elections Commission, Michlewitz, a Democrat, received 2,190 votes; Keith, 407 votes; Trumbull, 120 votes.

Michlewitz will represent Boston's North End, South End, Chinatown, Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods and parts of Roxbury.

代表民主黨參選的麥家威(Aaron Michlewitz)於6月16日競選塞弗克第三選區(Third Suffolk)麻州眾議員補選中,以2,190票擊敗得到120票得共和黨的大衛·朗布(David Trumbull)以及獲得407票得無黨籍的約翰·基斯(John Keith),當選為新麻州眾議員,代表灣村區、畢丘山、唐人街、金融區、皮革區、北端、南端、濱水區和洛士百利。

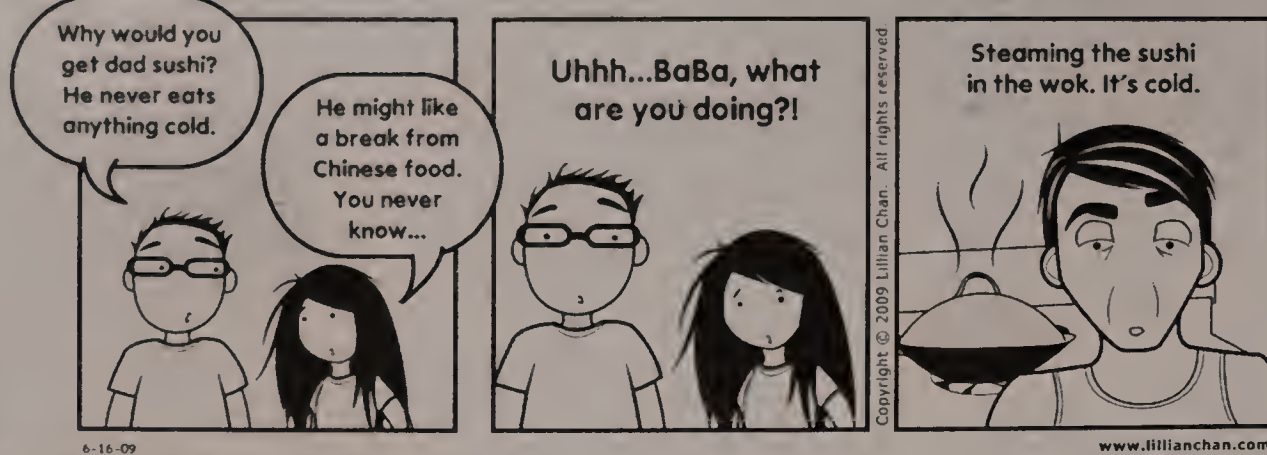
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AACA graduation

The annual Asian American Civic Association (AACA) graduation will take place Friday, June 19, 9-11 AM, at Tufts Medical Center's Wolff Auditorium. Students from all of AACA's educational and training programs will be recognized for finishing their course or moving to a higher level of study.

This year's keynote speaker will be Massachusetts State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, whose district includes Chinatown. For the second year in a row, Tufts Medical Center President and CEO Ellen Zane will deliver welcoming remarks and hand out certificates

to several of her employees who are participating in a workplace education program provided by AACA at the hospital.

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become direct agents in providing essential and sustaining services. The Philip Brooks House Association, a student-run organization based in Harvard University, has been a positive fixture in Chinatown for a number of years, providing vibrant adult education classes, summer children's programs, and yearlong youth programs. With facilitation by the Director of Programs Kerry McGowan and few other full-time staff, the portfolio of 70 citywide programs is implemented entirely by over 1600 students.

Speaking on the impact the community has on students, McGowan said: "No matter if they are studying medicine, law or education, [student volunteers] will become better doctors, lawyers and teachers because of their meaningful service and connection with the local neighborhood."

With the various papers written about service-learning experiences, teachable moments of relationship building, leadership development, and academic innovation through community partnerships, Chinatown is certainly not only a place

to satisfy the stomach, but also the mind.

Still, for local residents, opportunities to cultivate intellectual and relational growth through more conventional and time-tested spaces for learning like libraries have not existed in Chinatown since the closing of the Tyler Street branch in 1956. Many advocates in Chinatown, one of the few neighborhoods without a Boston Public Library site, have pointed out the urgent need for a public place of learning, gathering and information.

This need is slated to be physically demonstrated by the Chinatown Storefront Library project, which is planning a temporary library to be housed in the vacant storefronts to show the demand for and benefits of a library to the community. Library services will include newspapers, periodicals, children's books for browsing, and internet access - all incorporated within an innovative architectural design.

Marikka Trotter, a lead coordinator for the project, presented the design by fellow students and architects from Harvard's Graduate School of Design. The team designed a unique, fresh and engaging space that anticipates and responds to the needs of Chinatown residents - especially the elderly, young children,

and students.

The library is designed to have minimum impact on a commercial space, with its elements easily reassembled and reused. This is a much welcomed treatment to the many unoccupied storefronts that have been increasingly visible in Chinatown, causing a negative impact on the consciousness and appearance of life in the neighborhood.

The project has scouted many exciting options, and hopes property-owners will use this opportunity to revitalize storefronts, provide a service for the community, and keep vacant spaces viable during an economic downturn where they would otherwise be left empty. A library, with its civic value, educational function, and communal space, will hopefully foreshadow the return of a much needed permanent public asset to Chinatown.

The Storefront Library is scheduled for a Fall inauguration, and the project will be demonstrated at this Sunday's Chinatown Main Street Festival. For more information on this project, visit www.storefrontlibrary.org.

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Pursuant to the notice requirements of 49 CFR 26.45 (g)(2), the Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works (EOTPW) hereby publishes notice that the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program goal for DBE participation during Federal fiscal year 2010 is **15%** of its DOT assisted contracts. A goal of **3.8%** has been proposed for EOTPW's federally-assisted grants. Federally assisted grants include, but not limited to Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning and 5313 Statewide Planning, Section 5311 Rural, Waltham Shuttle Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), CMAQ G-Link Service, Section 3037 Access to Jobs, and Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC).

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program goal, and a description of the methodology used in establishing the goals are available for inspection during normal business hours for 30 days following the date of this notice at the Executive Office of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights, 10 Park Plaza, Room 6620, Boston, MA 02116.

The Executive Office of Transportation and Massachusetts Highway Department and the U.S. Department of Transportation will accept comments on the goals for 45 days from the date of this notice. Comments to the EOTPW/MHD should be sent to the Executive Office of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights, Room 6620, Boston, MA 02116.

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By Betty & Christine Mai

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You should pack light clothing - clothing that is not too heavy. Check the weather forecast for your destination. It will be helpful to know what kind of clothing to pack. We suggest choosing clothes that are made of cotton. Pack comfortable walking shoes and flip flops.

Important items to have include your passport, your wallet, a picture ID, currency, emergency phone numbers, medicines, and traveler checks. Common toiletries to have are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, a small brush or comb, cosmetics, soap, and deodorant.

Everyone's lists can be different depending on what your needs are and where your destination is. This is a very simple list and we hope it will be useful. Planning ahead and making checklists can reduce headaches and stress.

AACA Youth council members Betty and Christine Mai enjoy sharing their summer packing tips.



Health

Tobacco use and lung cancer among Asian Americans

By Tobias Chapman

Smoking is bad for you. You read about it in the newspaper, hear it on the radio and see it on TV. The message is everywhere. Yet people continue to smoke. In 1982, the surgeon general stated that "Cigarette smoking is the major single cause of cancer mortality in the United States." In 1998, the message was repeated, with smoking causing 87% of the lung cancer deaths in the United States. This is a depressing finding considering that tobacco use is an acquired behavior – something a person chooses to do and is therefore the most preventable cause of premature death in this country.

You may think that cigarette smoking isn't that common in Asian Americans; however, the statistics don't lie. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report that 21.6% of Asian American and Pacific Islander men and 12.4% of women smoke. Among Asian American and Pacific Islander high school seniors the numbers are similar (males 20.6%, females 13.8%) with about 4.5% of all students reporting that they smoke one-half pack a day or more. So while the rates of smoking in Asian Americans may be slightly lower than in other groups, this is still a significant health problem in the Asian American community.

So why is cigarette smoking so harmful?

Cigarettes contain dried tobacco leaves as well as many added chemicals that preserve and add flavor. When you light up a cigarette you are inhaling over 4000 different chemicals deep into your lungs. At least 43 of these compounds are proven carcinogens – they have been shown in a laboratory to cause cancer. Cigarettes have been shown to contain the heavy metals cadmium and arsenic, carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide and ammonia, among many others.

Smoking is also highly addictive. According to the surgeon general, nicotine is the drug in tobacco that causes addiction. It is found in all tobacco products and is one of the most addictive drugs known to man. This means that once you begin smoking, it may be difficult to give it up, even if you want to.

What will happen if I smoke?

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), each year a staggering 440,000 people die in the United States from tobacco use. Nearly 1 of every 5 deaths is related to smoking. Cigarettes kill more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide and illegal drugs combined.

Cigarette smoking accounts for at least 30% of all cancer deaths. It is a major cause of cancers of the larynx (voice box), oral cavity, pharynx (throat), and esophagus. It accounts for 87% of all deaths from lung cancer. In 1993, lung cancer was the leading cause of cancer death (22.3%) among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and is one of

the most difficult cancers to treat. It is very hard to detect when it is in the earliest, most treatable stage.

In addition to cancer, smoking also plays a significant role in many other diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, heart disease, stroke and many others.

So what can I do about it?

If you currently smoke, try to quit. If you don't smoke, stay that way and try to convince your friends to give up too. You will live longer and your friends will too.

How do I quit? Quitting smoking can be difficult. There is no point in pretending otherwise. But there are many resources out there that can help you when you decide to try. The following advice from www.smokefree.gov may be useful:

1. Thinking about quitting. Find reasons to quit that are important to you. Think of more than just health reasons, like how much money you will save, not having to take smoking breaks and the example you will set to your children.

2. Preparing to quit. Follow the START plan: Set a quit date, Tell your friends, family and co-workers that you plan to quit, Anticipate and plan for the challenges you will face, Remove all tobacco problems from your home/car/workplace, Talk to your doctor about getting help to quit.

3. Quitting. Use your support program, keep busy and stay away from things that tempt you. Manage cravings – try chewing sugar free gum or light incense or a candle instead.

4. Staying quit. Keep your guard up and always be aware of things that might trigger craving.

How can my doctor help?

Your family doctor can be a very valuable resource in your effort to quit smoking. They can help design a personal quit plan and can give information on telephone helplines such as 1-800-QUIT-NOW. There are also prescription medicines such as nicotine replacement patches and bupropion (Zyban)/varenicline (Chantix) that you may want to ask your doctor about.

Where can I go to find out more?

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By Samuel Tsoi

It is no secret that Boston has a wealth of history and prides itself as "America's Walking City." Naturally, a walk through Chinatown provides a glimpse into the city's rich past, especially the stories and dreams of settlers coming to its shore from around the world.

As "stay-cations" become the recession alternative, one can still travel the distance of time by heading to Chinatown and viewing the neighborhood through a historical lens. The Chinese Historical Society of New England (CHSNE) offers exactly that. Every second Saturday through October, groups ranging from students, tourists, and residents are led by knowledgeable and passionate local historians illustrating early immigrant life before 1965 through the neighborhood's boulevards and alleyways.

As helpful as it is to read archival documents and view photographs, the unparalleled experience of walking through the spaces, listening to accounts, and allowing oneself to imagine life in a different time speaks to the value of oral history and the power of storytelling.

In the early days of European settlement, Boston became a satellite of the trade between Western and Eastern societies. Before Beach Street became a street built on landfill, the seaport received commodity products such as tea and ginseng from China in the heyday of the US-China economic relations - thus establishing a small Chinese community in current boundaries of Chinatown. Chinese-owned enterprises such as Ar-Showe in the late 1800s became successful brands in bringing Chinese tea to New England customers.

Education was the

Time-traveling in Chinatown



Da Zheng of the Chinese Historical Society of New England described early immigrant life on Ping On Alley. (Photo by Samuel Tsoi)

other driving force of Chinese settlement in Boston. In the mid-Nineteenth Century, missionaries brought students from China to be trained for ministry roles. In 1854, the first Chinese university student in America graduated from Yale.

As much as Boston was the hub of academic innovation, it was also the site for the American Industrial Revolution which ushered in laborers, most notably young Chinese men working on the Trans-Continental railroad and the shoe factories along South Station.

These laborers settled in tenements previously occupied by Irish and Eastern European laborers, starting the formation of the residential core of Chinatown.

Many of the buildings have had a variety of residents and functions. Walking along Essex Street, CHSNE tour guide Da Zheng pointed out a building which was first the birthplace of an early abolitionist Wendell Phillips, then a Turkish bathhouse, and most recently, the site of the Chinese Golden Age Center.

The building on Harrison Avenue next to See Sun Market was one of the large factories

which housed the first cohort of Chinese laborers. A son of one of those laborers, who often lived in the tight single-occupancy units, eventually became a graduate of Suffolk University and the first Chinese attorney in Massachusetts.

Ping On Alley, which is nestled between Harrison and Oxford streets, attracts narrow beams of sunlight but illuminates a part of Historic Chinatown which is rapidly being overshadowed by ongoing urban redevelopment. The small alley, unavailable for vehicular traffic, can barely fit a compact car. Zheng recounted ball games played by children of immigrants decades ago between the narrow walls.

The alley opens to a courtyard by Oxford Street featuring a giant mural of a traditional Chinese painting, which illustrates a journey along a nostalgic natural landscape. "[The painting] reflects the sentiments of early immigrants who made treacherous journeys to America, far away from their homeland," Zheng described.

Walking towards Beach Street, the wall by the Oxford Street intersection, still bare, was actually a massive community bulletin board until the

1970s. It provided Chinese and culturally relevant information such as news about China, births, marriages, obituaries, job postings and profiles of brides for the many bachelors.

As the wall became a fixture of immigrant life, so did the myriad of family associations, regional associations, Chinese schools, and faith communities. In many ways, these social institutions sustain the fabric of Chinese culture and chronicle the changes through the generations from the Chinese Exclusion Act to the immigration growth in latter half of 20th century.

In the recent decades, the history of Chinatown was shaped by highway development and institutional expansion and gentrification. Walking across the landmark Chinatown Gate, which declares "propriety, righteousness, honesty, and humility," brings to mind the consequences of the interstate which dissected Chinatown and other communities.

The community still yearns to sustain its story, and not become remnants of the past. Adjacent to the gate is an often unnoticed abstract painting of a junk boat, or Sampan, which this publication gets its namesake, symbolizing the immigrant community going against winds of adversity and mainstream pressures - and bringing to mind the road of perseverance, dynamism, and change Chinatown walked through and continues to pave ahead.

(90 minute tours start at 10:00am at the Office of the Chinese Historic Society of New England, Every second Saturday, May through October. 2 Boylston Street (617) 338-4339 www.chsne.org)

Samuel Tsoi is a Sampan correspondent.

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焦點報導

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波士頓是眾所皆知擁有豐富的歷史和擁有「步行城市」的美名。所以到華埠一遊會瞥見城市輝煌的過去，尤其是關於各國移民到岸的故事和夢想。

自「在家渡假」成為經濟不景氣的選擇之一，所以不妨到華埠一遊，而它會讓你走進時間的隧道。紐英崙華人歷史協會(CHNSE)正好提供這項服務。從每個月的第二個星期六直到十月份，當地的歷史學家會專業和熱忱向學生團體、遊客和居民講解1965年之前早期的移民生活。雖然閱讀歷史檔案文件和圖片是能理解歷史的，但走入空間和聆聽解說，會讓人想像生活在不同的時代，這是無可取代的體驗。這也是口述歷史和說故事的重要性。

在早期為歐洲殖民地時，波士頓曾是東方和西方社會之間的貿易中



紐英崙華人歷史協會的Da Zheng講解早期的移民在平安(Ping On)巷的生活。(蔡禮恩攝)

心。當必珠(Beach)街還未成為填土區時，是個港口；在中美貿易的全盛期，它進口來自中國的商品例如茶葉和人參，因此建立了小華人社區。華人在19世紀末擁有的阿壽公司是成功打入紐英崙市場的中國茶葉牌子。

教育是影響華人定居在波士頓的動力之一。在19世紀中旬，傳教士從中國帶來了一批學生來受訓成為傳教徒。而在1854年，第一個中國留學生在美國的耶魯大學畢業。

雖然波士頓是學術革新的中心，它也是美國工業革命的所在地，它引進勞工，尤其是引進中國年輕男人到太平洋鐵路和到沿著波市南車站製鞋工廠工作。

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許多大廈不但曾住著不同的種族，它的使用也不斷的改變。沿著益士石(Essex)街行走，CHNSE的導遊DaZheng指出一大廈

是早期解放黑奴主義者Wendell Philips的出生地，然後是土耳其公用浴室，最近才改裝成中華耆英會。位於夏利臣(Harrison)街和緊鄰是時信(See Sun)市場的大廈，曾是大工廠之一，也曾住著第一批華工。華工其一的兒子，往往住在擁擠的小單位；他是從塞弗克(Suffolk)大學畢業而成為麻省第一位華人律師。

平安(Ping On)巷，位於夏利臣(Harrison)

街和好事福(Oxford)街之間，是華埠史蹟之一，但它的光彩在不斷的城市重建中黯然失色。這小巷，普通車輛是不能通行的，它只能容納一小型轎車。Zheng指出幾十年前移民的小孩在這窄小的城牆之間打過無數的球賽。從小巷延伸出來是一片庭院，和沿著好事福(Oxford)街，是一副巨大的中國傳統的壁畫，描述著走在家鄉大自然的旅程。Zheng解釋這副圖反映出早期的移民遠離他們的家鄉，歷經艱辛來到美國。

朝向必珠(Beach)街，和在好事福(Oxford)街交界處的牆上，還是一片光禿禿的，它的前身是副巨大的社區佈告欄直到1970年。它提供給華人關於中國新聞，出生，婚姻，卦聞，尋工啟事和未婚女子的資料。這佈告欄成為移民生活的一部份，如同姓氏公所，地區社團，中文學校和宗教信仰社團一樣。在許多地方，這些社團堅持和保持著中國的文化，它們也經歷過

時代的變遷，當中包括排華法案，到移民增加的下半20世紀。

最近幾十年，高速公路的發展和機構的擴張化和中產階層化塑造了華埠的歷史。華埠的陸標牌樓寫的「恥廉義禮」提醒人們越界的後果，也因此分割了華埠和其他社區。

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(90分鐘的華埠步遊是早上10點鐘從紐英崙華人歷史協會的辦公室出發；步遊是從5月份直到十月份的每個月的第二個星期六。2 Boylston Street (617)338-4339 www.chsne.org)

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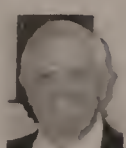
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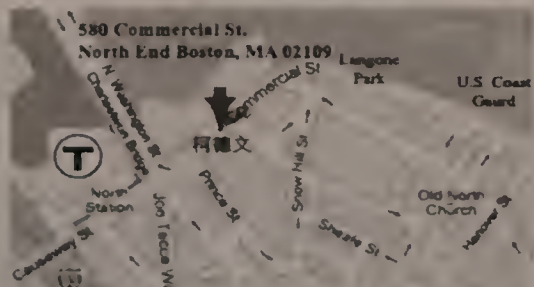


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瞭解美國的移民系統：O型簽證

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雷梅已經在波士頓地區的一間大學得到一個教授職位。作為一個中國公民，她希望憑藉在中國成功的事業作為一名科學家移民美國。她在中國的研究有助於緩解關節炎疼痛的新型藥物的開發。

祖安目前居住在加拿大多倫多。他是一個移居到加拿大的墨西哥公民，在墨西哥他是一個收入頗豐的著名雕塑家。祖安希望為一家位於麻塞諸塞州伍斯特市的美術館工作。

馬可是巴西的一名教師。麻塞諸塞州的一個小鎮表示有興趣聘用他。馬可曾對南美洲的學校系統進行激烈的改革，並極大提高了畢業率。

阿米莉亞在佛得角擁有一家大公司。她被聘用之前，那家公司正處於破產的邊緣。阿米莉亞成功地使她的公司成為全球在其領域裡最成功的公司之一。她有興趣在波士頓開設一個辦事處，並希望能移居到波士頓，以方便管理公司的業務。

劉是一個來自臺灣的足球教練。在她的執教下，許多臺灣隊成為了聯賽冠軍，但她從未

執教過任何國際球隊。一間美國大學表示有意聘請劉來執教他們的女子足球隊。

雷梅，祖安，馬可，阿米莉亞，劉可能看起來沒有很多共同點，除了他們都不是美國公民。但是，相似之處在於他們都有可能擁有資格申請O型簽證前來美國。

O型簽證只預留給那些在科學，藝術，教育，商業，或體育方面表現出非凡的能力的人才。希望申請O型簽證的人們必須證明，他們是在各自的領域裡最頂尖的人才或付出了超凡的努力。他們還必須證明他們已經取得國家或國際社會的承認。

此外，所有想申請O型簽證的人必須有一個美國機構來贊助他們的簽證申請。雖然這似乎是一個巨大的限制，但該類型的機構可以商業集團，教育機構，或甚至是一個代理人。

申請O型簽證也有一些缺點。由於O型簽證的標準非常的高，申請人須提交大量的文件來證明他們非凡的能力。此外，對於申請人必須提交的證明的類型要求很嚴格。聘請移民律師對所有這些潛在的問題幫助會十分的顯著，從而大大增加申請人成功的機會。

雷梅，祖安，馬可，阿米莉亞，劉都能大大受益於O型簽證。如果他們能證明他們擁有非凡的能力，這些非美國公民在不久的將來就能身在美國。

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兩萬民眾參與

Odaiko New England 表演日本擊鼓 (徐凱俐攝)

【本報徐凱俐波士頓報導】一年一度的波士頓香港龍舟節於本月七日在查爾斯河畔舉行。據悉，近兩萬民眾參加了此次活動，為運動員們吶喊助威。

來自龍舟節重要贊助商駐紐約香港經貿辦事處處長陳美嘉說：「波士頓龍舟賽是美國最早的此類活動之一，它已經成為新英格蘭地區規模最大的亞裔慶祝活動之一。」

不僅在美國，波士頓龍舟節在整個北美也是歷史最為悠久的，至今已走過了整整三十個年頭。它也由最初的中國

傳統節日慶祝發展成為新英格蘭地區展示亞洲各國文化的群眾盛會。龍舟節參與者不僅可以在風景優美的查爾斯河畔觀看龍舟賽，為船員加油鼓勁，也可以欣賞各項文藝演出，品嚐異域美食。

龍舟節的主辦方對各贊助商及出席市民在經濟如此困難之時仍參與今年的龍舟節而表示感謝。龍舟節本由波士頓兒童博物館創辦，今年是龍舟節組委會第一年脫離兒童博物館，作為獨立的非營利性機構運作此項活動。

陳美嘉表示今年共

有32支隊伍參加在JFK街與西大道橋之間舉行的龍舟賽，角逐俱樂部、業餘、公司和女子組四項大獎。奪得冠軍的隊伍可代表新英格蘭地區入圍將在紐約進行的選拔，爭取美國代表隊的資格，參加明年在香港舉行的國際龍舟賽。

這十三餘支隊伍有的來自大波士頓地區，有的則特地從紐約、羅德島、俄勒岡、佛羅里達，甚至加拿大趕來。其中來自麻省的Wellness Warriors隊因其成員皆為乳癌倖存者，而格外受人關注。

週日的龍舟賽從上午

9點開始，比賽持續了一整天。中午12點後，河畔草地的演出舞台上開始了精彩的亞洲各國歌舞等文藝表演。民眾不僅能夠欣賞到舞獅、武術和扯鈴等傳統中國藝術，也可以觀看日本太鼓及韓國跆拳道演出。

緊張的比賽，豐富的活動，加之當日風和日麗的天氣，吸引了人們攜親帶友來到劍橋市，參加龍舟節。許多家長也帶著孩子，舉家一同加入這一年度盛會。

Memorial Drive亦因龍舟節而關閉，路旁也就成了多個美食攤位的匯聚地。人們在此會品嚐到印度咖哩、泰式炒麵等各種亞洲風味食品。當然，還有龍舟節當天最為不可缺少的粽子。

大約下午五時，持續兩日的龍舟賽賽果終於出爐。大都會龍隊奪得了俱樂部組冠軍，哈佛清教徒醫療保健公司隊和Liaison隊分獲業餘組及公司組第一名，而女子組則來自波特蘭的金龍隊擊敗本地隊伍波士頓龍舟俱樂部，拔得頭籌。

「老吾老以及人之老」中華耆英會三十七屆籌款春宴



春宴上，中華耆英會行政主任梅伍銀寬（右）（Ruth Moy），主席梅炳鈿（左）（Moy Bing Hen）頒發公共服務獎給羅傑森社區機構（Rogerson Communities）的總裁席格（中）（James F. Seagle, Jr.），表揚他服務社區不遺餘力及推動新「康樂樓」興建計劃。（謝婉君攝）

【本報謝婉君波士頓報導】中華耆英會(Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center)於六月十日(星期三)假龍鳳酒樓舉辦第三十七屆籌款春宴，有四百多位中外嘉賓出席，節目包括頒發公共服務獎、音樂表演、抽獎、拍賣等。中華耆英會行政主任梅伍銀寬（Ruth Moy）上台致詞，多謝各界人士在多年來對耆英會的支持。

麻州參議員陳翟蘇妮（Sonia Chang-Diaz）、中華公所主席何遠光（Gilbert Ho）、波士頓市議員尹常賢（Sam Yoon）、第三塞弗克選眾會議員麥家威（Aaron Michlewitz）、經文處楊國棟處長分別到賀及上台致詞，表揚耆英會多年為長者服務社區的精神為其他社團的典範。其中僑教中心簡許邦主任以孟子一語「老吾老」（第三版續）

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